

BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS
IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

IN THE MATTER OF:

Case No.: DO-15-0005A

PAUL RUBLE, D.O.,

Holder of License No. 2504

For the practice of osteopathic medicine in the
State of Arizona

CONSENT AGREEMENT, FINDINGS OF
FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND
STIPULATED ORDER FOR
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF
LICENSE

CONSENT AGREEMENT

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Board of Osteopathic
Examiners in Medicine and Surgery ("Board") and Paul Ruble, D.O. ("Respondent"), the parties
agree to the following disposition of this matter.

1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement, Findings of Fact,
Conclusions of Law and Stipulated Order for Voluntary Surrender ("Consent Agreement").
Respondent acknowledges that he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this
matter and has done so or chooses not to do so.

2. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes
any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to
challenge this Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other
cause of action related thereto or arising from said Consent Agreement.

3. This Consent Agreement is not effective until approved by the Board and signed
by its Executive Director.

4. Respondent admits to the statement of facts and conclusions of law contained in
the Consent Agreement and Order.

5. This Consent Agreement, or any part thereof, may be considered in any future
disciplinary action against Respondent.

1 6. This Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of other
2 matters currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not constitute any waiver, express or
3 implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction. The acceptance of this Consent
4 Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision or officer of this State from
5 instituting other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject of
6 this Consent Agreement.

7 7. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter
8 and any subsequent administrative proceedings or litigation involving the Board, Respondent and
9 the State of Arizona; and, therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended for any
10 other purpose or administrative regulatory proceeding or litigation in another state or federal
11 court.

12 8. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to
13 the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the acceptance of the Consent
14 Agreement. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any modifications to
15 this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.

16 9. If the Board does not adopt this Consent Agreement, Respondent will not assert as
17 a defense that the Board's consideration of this Consent Agreement constitutes bias, prejudice,
18 prejudgment or other similar defense.

19 10. This Consent Agreement, once approved and signed, is a public record that will
20 be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the National
21 Practitioner Data Bank and to the Board's website.

22 11. If any part of the Consent Agreement is later declared void or otherwise
23 unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent Agreement in its entirety shall remain in force and
24 effect.
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1 REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED THIS 14 DAY OF April, 2017.

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3 Paul Ruble D.O.
4 Paul Ruble, D.O.

5 **JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENTS**

6 1. The Board is empowered, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1800, et seq., to regulate the
7 licensing and practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

8 2. Respondent holds license No. 2504 issued by the Board to practice as an
9 osteopathic physician.

10 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

11 1. On or about August 22, 2016, Respondent pleaded guilty to one count of
12 conspiracy to unlawfully distribute and dispense controlled substances and launder money in the
13 U.S. District Court, Southern District of Georgia.

14 2. Respondent was involved in a pain management clinic that operated from
15 November 2011 to April 2013 wherein Respondent provided patients prescriptions for controlled
16 substances outside the usual course of professional practice and without legitimate medical
17 purpose in exchange for cash in amounts of between \$200 and \$300.

18 3. Respondent did not disclose to the Board that he had been charged with any
19 criminal offenses or that he had pleaded guilty to the charges within ten days of being charged.

20 4. Respondent understands that the voluntary surrender of his license constitutes the
21 revocation of the same and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Databank.

22 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

23 1. The conduct and circumstances described above constitutes unprofessional
24 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1854(38), which states, "Any conduct or practice that endangers
25 a patient's or the public's health or may reasonably be expected to do so."

2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1854 (5), which states, "Prescribing, dispensing or administering controlled substances or prescription-only drugs for other than therapeutic purposes.

3. The conduct and circumstances described above constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1854 (35), which states, "Violating a federal law, a state law or a rule applicable to the practice of medicine." Specifically, Respondent violated A.R.S. §32-3208, which states, "A health professional who has been charged with a misdemeanor involving conduct that may affect patient safety or a felony after receiving or renewing a license or certificate must notify the health professional's regulatory board in writing within ten working days after the charge is filed."

ORDER

1. **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** License Number 2504, previously issued to Paul Ruble, D.O., for the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona, is **SURRENDERED**, and that Paul Ruble, D.O. shall no longer engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Arizona upon the effective date of this Order.

2. Any violation of this Consent Agreement constitutes unprofessional conduct and may result in disciplinary action and or referral to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

3. Respondent agrees he shall not apply for an osteopathic medical license in the State of Arizona for a period of at least five (5) years from the effective date of this Consent Agreement. The effective date of this Consent Agreement is the date it is signed by the Board's Executive Director.

ISSUED THIS 8th DAY OF May, 2017.

STATE OF ARIZONA
BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS
IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

By: Jenna Jones
Jenna Jones, Executive Director



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Original "Consent for Surrender of License" filed this 8th day of
May, 2017 with the:

Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners
In Medicine and Surgery
9535 East Doubletree Ranch Road
Scottsdale AZ 85258-5539

Copy of the foregoing "Consent for Surrender of License"
sent via mail this 8th day of May, 2017 to:

Paul Ruble, DO.
Address of record

